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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY CORETTA KING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA: QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF THE WONDERFUL NEWS THAT YOU WILL BE VISITING OUR COUNTRY IN MAY AND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME TO ATLANTA AND TO RECEIVE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NON-VIOLENT PEACE PRIZE.

2. YOUR VISIT HERE, PRESIDENT KAUNDA, WILL BE AN EXCITING MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE AND IN THE HISTORY IN OUR CITY AND STATE. WE WILL ALL BE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE AND I ASSURE YOU WE WILL MAKE ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP HERE VERY ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE. MY OWN PERSONAL MEMORIES OF OUR PREVIOUS VISITS TOGETHER ARE VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEAR TO ME.

3. MY STAFF IS ALREADY HARD AT WORK COORDINATING YOUR VISIT WITH BOTH THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE UNITED STATES AND OFFICIALS HERE IN ATLANTA. WE PLAN TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR BOTH THE PRESENTATION OF

THE PEACE PRIZE AND FOR YOUR MAKING WHATEVER PUBLIC STATEMENTS YOU WISH TO MAKE AT THAT TIME. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NON-VIOLENT PEACE PRIZE WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME FOR THE CHIEF OF STATE OF ONE OF THE THIRD WORLD'S LEADING NATIONS TO COMMENT ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD.

4. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE HEAD OF THE ZAMBIAN NATION SHARE A LONG HISTORY OF BELIEF IN NON-VIOLENCE AND OF COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL UTILIZE THE AWARDED OF THE NON-VIOLENT PEACE PRIZE TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE THIRD WORLD AND WHAT THE U.S. MUST DO TO HELP BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO ATLANTA AND TO A MOST MOMENTOUS OCCASION IN THE HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENT. CORETTA SCOTT KING, PRESIDENT, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA. END QUOTE.

5. PROPOSED SUMMARY SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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